

(b) To whom was this special license given?

(c) Was that license renewed in the name of the same individual in 1097, and if not, why?

(d) To whom is this license given in 1098?

(e) Is the original condition attached to this license insisted on and, if not, have Government authorised the Excise Commissioner to issue the special license without the condition?

(f) Did the Excise Commissioner, when he recommended the issue of this license in 1096, write to the Government that, if this condition was not attached, Government would lose customs duty? If so, why is the condition rescinded now?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*)

(a) An additional license for the vend of foreign liquors at Quilon was sanctioned in 1096 and it contained the condition referred to by the member.

(b) Messrs. Thomas Stephen and Sons, Quilon.

(c) The license was not renewed in the name of the above company as it did not apply for its renewal.

(d) Messrs. M. N. Govinda Pillai and Co.

(e) and (f) The condition mentioned by the member was not inserted in the renewed license as it was not then considered necessary.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanam-titta*): Will the Government be pleased to say why the incorporation of that condition was found unnecessary?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Under the interportal trade convention, the British Government have agreed to pay to this Government Bh. Rs. 40,000 annually, as long as the revenue derived by the latter Government from direct imports does not exceed Bh. Rs. 13,218. If the revenue of the Travancore Government under this head does not come up to the above amount, they will be losing annually to the extent of the difference between the revenue realised under this head and the maximum fixed under the Convention. Till 1095, for some years, our direct receipts on account of the port duties stood below Rs. 13,128 and hence the particular condition in question was inserted in the licenses issued in 1096 to enhance those receipts so as to approximate them to the maximum. Since 1096, however, as a result of the general increase of import duties, our collections from direct imports have gone above Rs. 13,218, and hence the further insistence of this condition in the license for 1097 was not considered necessary.

Promotion of Temperance.

57. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanam-titta*): With reference to the assurance given to this Council, will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken for the promotion of temperance?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Excise Commissioner has been asked to submit proposals to the Government before the close of the year 1098. His report has not yet been received.

Promotion of Temperance.

58. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce the following measures in order to minimise, as far as possible, the drink habit and the annoyances arising therefrom to the public:

(a) to lay down a rule that no liquor shops should be opened within a distance of less than half a mile from temples, schools and public offices;

(b) to make the sale of liquor after 6 P. M. penal;

(c) to declare the sale of liquor to, or the purchase of liquor by, Government servants, penal;

(d) to rule that the sale of liquor shall not be permitted in shops in which other articles are kept for sale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 57.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

59. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanamtitta*): (a) How many arrack and toddy shops were resold during this year?

(b) What was the loss or gain in each case on account of such resale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) 37 arrack and 36 toddy shops.

(b) A statement * containing the information is laid on the table. It may be noted that losses due to resales are recoverable from the original purchasers, and the usual steps will, no doubt, be taken to recover these losses as far as possible.

Resale of Liquor Shops.

60. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of toddy and arrack shops resold during 1098, up to the end of Mithunam?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 59 by Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.

Import of Salt.

61. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of

* *Vide* Appendix IV—pages 218 and 219.